

**IN THE CLAIMS**

1. (Original) A demountable safety guard adapted for prevention of accidental urged dislodgment of an article or liquid over an edge of a fixed horizontal surface ; said edge not otherwise precluding the dislodgement of said article.
2. (Original) The safety guard of claim 1, wherein said surface includes a bench top, a cooktop and a table top.
3. (Original) The safety guard of claim 2, wherein said guard comprises a substantially vertical elongate rectangular member having an outwardly facing surface and an inwardly facing surface bounded by edges, extending along at least a portion of an edge of said surface.
4. (Original) The safety guard of claim 3, wherein said edge is any edge of said surface from which said article can fall when urged to within sufficiently close proximity of said edge.
5. (Currently Amended) The safety guard of ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 to 4, wherein said guard is adapted to be inserted into a slot in said surface.
6. (Original) The safety guard of claim 5, wherein said slot is provided with a cover strip; said strip adapted to prevent the ingress of dirt and other matter into said slot.
7. (Currently Amended) The safety guard of ~~any of claims~~ claim 1 to 4, wherein said guard is adapted to be inserted into a guard retaining means attached to said surface.
8. (Original) The safety guard of claim 7, wherein said retaining means is in the form of an

extruded channel, said channel adapted to be attached to said surface.

9. (Original) The safety guard of claim 8, wherein said extruded channel is attached to said surface by attachment means including

- a. an applied adhesive
- b. a double sided adhesive tape
- c. magnetic means
- d. suction means
- e. mechanical means including screws and rivets and the like.

10. (Original) The safety guard of claim 4, wherein said guard is attached to said surface by means of hinged elements.

11. (Currently Amended) The safety guard of ~~any of claims~~ claim 1 to 10, wherein said guard and said guard retaining means are formed of metallic materials.

12. (Currently Amended) The safety guard of ~~any of claims~~ claim 1 to 10, wherein said guard and said guard retaining means are formed of non-metallic materials.

13. (Currently Amended) The safety guard of ~~any of claims~~ claim 1 to 10, wherein said guard and said guard retaining means are formed of a combination of metallic and non-metallic materials.

14. (Original) A method for the prevention of the accidental urged dislodgement of an article or liquid over an edge of a fixed horizontal surface, said method including the provision of a guard member disposed along at least a portion of said edge of said surface, said guard

member extending a sufficient height above said surface thereby defining a barrier to dislodgement of said article or liquid.

15. (Original) A method of providing a safety guard member for the edge of a fixed horizontal surface wherein said guard member is inserted into a slot disposed along said edge of said surface.

16. (Original) A method of providing a safety guard member for the edge of a fixed horizontal surface wherein said guard member is retained in an extruded channel fixed along an edge of said surface.

17. (Original) A method of providing a safety guard member for the edge of a fixed horizontal surface wherein said guard member is attached along an edge of said surface by hinge elements.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Original) A guard system for preventing accidental urged dislodgement of an article over a leading edge of a fixed horizontal surface; said guard arrangement comprising a rail adapted for alignment with reference to said edge and for affixing to said surface thereby to present a substantially vertically oriented slot for slidable engagement of a guard member therein; said guard member of substantially rectangular cross section in both longitudinal and lateral directions; said guard member adapted for substantially vertical engagement and disengagement with respect to said slot in said rail; said guard member substantially opaque throughout.

20. (Original) The guard member of Claim 19, wherein the height of said guard member is selected so that said guard member acts as a visual barrier, when installed on said surface, to visualisation of objects on the far side of said guard member when viewed by a child but not by an adult.

21. (Currently Amended) A method of minimising accidental urged dislodgement of an article from a surface relative to an edge thereof; said method comprising providing the guard member of any one of Claim[[s]] 19 [[or 20]] as a kit of two component parts.

22. (Original) The method of Claim 21, wherein said two component parts comprise a rail having a slot therein and a substantially opaque guard member for vertical reception in said slot.

23. (Original) A guard device comprised of two and only two components.

24. (Original) The guard device of Claim 23, wherein said two components comprise a guard member and a rail having a slot therein for vertical reception of said guard member therein.